



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-05

WHEREAS, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, have declared that a drought emergency exists in the Upper Missouri River Basin and in particular, Mountrail County and the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, I further order that all state departments and administrators maintain drought response resources and capabilities at high levels of readiness to execute responsibilities pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and
2. The governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 7th day of November, 2003.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:
/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State